

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE CHABAD HOUSE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Jewish Community Center of Granite Bay, California, and join in celebrating the commissioning of a new community Torah scroll.

Opened in 2005 as a local home for Jewish life in Placer County, the Chabad House Jewish Community Center serves as a center of education and support to the local Jewish community and an inspiration to people from all walks of life.

The Granite Bay center is a branch of the International Chabad movement, which seeks to promote a greater awareness of education, morality and decency among all people. Chabad serves the community through a wide variety of services and programs, including by making the beauty of Jewish principles and heritage accessible to all Jews, and by bringing Jewish traditions into their daily lives.

As part of this effort, the Chabad House Jewish Community Center has commissioned a professional scribe in Israel to write a Torah scroll in the traditional method, which dates back thousands of years.

The Torah, a sacred text over 3,300 years old, contains the Five Books of Moses and is the most precious article in Jewish life. Its guidance provides a strong foundation for morals in today's global society.

On October 26, 2014, members of the Jewish community gathered with rabbis and community leaders in Placer County to witness the first letters of the Torah being inscribed.

Mr. Speaker, since the inception of our nation organizations like the Chabad House Jewish Community Center have been the bedrocks of their communities; and bastions of civic engagement upon which our society depends. As George Washington stated in his Farewell Address: "of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports."

We are fortunate to have the Chabad Jewish Community Center as a pillar of religious and moral teachings in our community and I am proud to join in honoring this auspicious occasion.

CELEBRATING MARIN TRANSIT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Marin Transit on the occasion of the organization's 50th Anniversary Celebration, held on October 20, 2014.

For the last five decades, Marin Transit has advanced its responsibility to serve the community by strengthening local public transportation and launching contracts with other bus and paratransit service providers, including Golden Gate Transit, Marin Airporter, MV Transportation, and Whistlestop Wheels.

Marin Transit has provided seniors and Americans with disabilities services to accommodate the mobility needs of an aging transportation network and a diversely growing population. It has demonstrated a powerful commitment to fostering a strong transit system and more engaged community by offering comprehensive operational programs including Local, West Marin Stagecoach, Novato dial-a-ride, and the award-winning seasonal Muir Woods Shuttle in cooperation with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The organization has kept pace with the growing demands for transit options; in particular the Muir Woods Shuttle is estimated to carry 95,000 passengers in 2014, a significant increase from 77,000 passengers in 2013. This service keeps vehicles off narrow mountain roads, relieves congestion, and improves the experience of visitors from across the United States and around the world.

Marin Transit has been a vital tool for the people of Marin County and beyond, and I am confident it will continue to serve as a valued transportation agency for future generations to come. Please join me in congratulating Marin Transit on their 50 year Anniversary celebration and wishing them many more years of success.

RECOGNIZING HELEN CISNEY

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Ms. Helen Cisney as she celebrates her 100th birthday on November 22, 2014.

Ms. Cisney was born in Hammond, Indiana in 1914. She married Irvin Cisney, and together they owned a diner in Grand Rapids, Michigan. During World War II, Ms. Cisney worked on the assembly line at General Motors. Upon retirement, Mr. & Mrs. Cisney moved to Zephyrhills, Florida where they lived for thirty years. Today, Ms. Cisney lives in Fruitland Park where she attends Sunday services at Faith Bible Baptist Church and plays dominoes on Tuesday evenings at First Baptist Church of Leesburg. Ms. Cisney is a talented bowler and has won many trophies over the years. She is also a breast cancer survivor and was named Grand Marshall of the Lake County Cancer Walk in 2005.

Ms. Cisney has two daughters, eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. I wish her a very happy 100th birthday and all the best to her and her family.

HONORING TARKIO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the Tarkio First Baptist Church, which will commemorate the 125th anniversary of its founding in my hometown of Tarkio, Missouri on September 21st, 2014. Since 1889, the Tarkio First Baptist Church has served the community through its faith, fellowship and welcoming spirit.

From the first time they opened their doors until today, First Baptist has stood as a cornerstone of the Tarkio community. First Baptist has experienced wars and conflicts as well as times of peace and prosperity. It has served as a haven through many hardships of economic struggle and social change. Through droughts, floods, tornadoes, blizzards, as well as harvests both good and bad, this church has remained a constant source of comfort. It has served congregants by promoting faith in God, the Bible, prayer and the community itself.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing the Tarkio First Baptist Church. For 125 years, this church has supported Tarkio and its people come what may. It is truly an honor to serve this church and its congregation in the United States Congress.

CELEBRATING THE CONGREGATION SOCIETY B'NAI ISRAEL 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the B'nai Israel Jewish Center in Petaluma, California on the occasion of the organization's sesquicentennial on November 1, 2014.

Congregation Society B'nai Israel is one of the oldest Jewish communities in the State of California and is the oldest congregation between San Francisco and the Oregon border. For the past one hundred and fifty years, the B'nai Israel Jewish Center has provided a place where all who identify with the Jewish community may gather and participate in enriching spiritual, social, cultural, and educational experiences. The diverse programs and educational opportunities offered through Congregation Society B'nai Israel strengthen, celebrate and sustain Jewish culture in Petaluma, build cross-cultural understanding, and enrich the lives of those in the community at large.

The B'nai Israel Jewish Center is a treasure to the City of Petaluma, and countless residents of Sonoma County have benefitted from

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.